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SUBJECT: NEW NORWEGIAN POLICY ON FOREIGN SUBMARINES VIOLATING
NORWEGIAN TERRITORY

1. MINISTRY OF DEFENSE ISSUED ON JAN 8 STATEMENT TO
PRESS SETTING FORTH NEW POLICY ON NORWEGIAN MILITARY
REACTION TO UNIDENTIFIED SUBMARINES FOUND IN NORWEGIAN
TERRITORIAL WATERS.

2. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF
TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE.

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ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE PRESS

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST THE VIOLATION OF NORWEGIAN
TERRITORY BY FOREIGN SUBMARINES.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE SEARCH ACTION FOR AN
UNIDENTIFIED SUBMARINE IN SOGNEFJORDEN DURING THE
FALL OF 1972 IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE RULES GOVERNING
REACTION OF THE MILITARY IN THE FACE OF SUCH VIOLA-
TIONS NEEDED TO BE THOROUGHLY STUDIED AND,IF NECESSARY,
REVISED.

ON THE BASIS OF EXPERIENCES FROM THIS AND
OTHER SIMILAR INCIDENTS, THE CHIEF OF DEFENSE HAS MADE
A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONAL
AND TECHNICAL CONDITIONS BEARING ON THE MATTER,
AND HAS SUBMITTED HIS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW REGU-
LATIONS. LATER ON A COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF RE-
PRESENTATIVES FROM THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
DEFENSE AND THE DEFENSE HEADQUARTERS,
DISCUSSED VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THIS TYPE OF INCIDENT
AND WORKED OUT A PROPOSAL FOR AN IMPROVED SET OF
REGULATIONS FOR USE IN PEACETIME. THE MINISTRY
OF DEFENSE HAS APPROVED THESE NEW,MORE STRINGENT REGU-
LATIONS WHICH WILL FORM THE BASIS OF OPERATIONAL
DIRECTIVES.

WITH ITS DECISION ON THE NEW REGULATIONS, THE
MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS FOCUSED ATTENTION ON THE
FACT THAT IN RECENT YEARS THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF
POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED VIOLATIONS OF (NORWEGIAN)
TERRITORY BY UNIDENTIFIED SUBMARINES AND A CONSIDERABLY
LARGER NUMBER OF POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS. THE MINISTRY
HAS THEREFORE FOUND IT NECESSARY TO SHARPEN THE RULES
GOVERNING THE RESPONSE OF THE MILITARY TO VIOLATIONS
OF NORWEGIAN TERRITORY BY FOREIGN SUBMARINES.

IN THE FIRST PLACE, THE TIGHTENING UP OF THE
REGULATIONS MEANS THAT THE WARNING VIS-A-VIS
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A FOREIGN SUBMARINE HAS BEEN REDUCED.
IN CASES OF CLEAR VIOLATIONS OF NORWEGIAN TERRITORY
WHERE THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION OF NAVIGATIONAL
ERROR,THERE WILL AS A GENERAL RULE BE NO WARNING
GIVEN BEFORE ATTACK IS COMMENCED. A FOREIGN SUBMARINE
WHICH IN SUCH A WAY VIOLATES NORWEGIAN TERRITORY
HEREAFTER MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT BEING ATTACKED WITH
AVAILABLE WEAPONS WITHOUT ADVANCE WARNING. EVEN IF

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE ATTACK IS TO FORCE THE SUBMARINE
TO THE SURFACE THE FACT CANNOT BE EXCLUDED THAT ANY
ATTACK IMPLIES CONSIDERABLE RISK THAT THE SUBMARINE
WILL BE SUNK. SUCH PRECAUTIONS HAVE BEEN REGARDED AS
NECESSARY TO RESTRAIN A
FOREIGN POWER FROM CARRYING OUT ILLEGAL OPERATIONS
BY SUBMARINES ON NORWEGIAN TERRITORY.

APART FROM THE NEW REGULATIONS THE MILITARY
TO A GREAT EXTENT WILL STILL BE DEPENDENT UPON REPORTS
OF SUSPICIOUS VESSELS OR OBJECTS FROM WOMEN AND MEN
ALONG THE COAST. HOWEVER, THE NEW REGULATIONS WILL
GIVE THE MILITARY EFFICIENT MEANS TO COMBAT FOREIGN
SUBMARINES DISCOVERED VIOLATING NORWEGIAN TERRITORY.
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